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The Permanent Mission of Kazakstan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has the honour to transmit the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakstan dated 28 September 1996 on the recent events in the Islamic State of Afghanistan.

The Permanent Mission of Kazakstan to the United Nations would be grateful for the circulation of this statement as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakstan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakstan expresses serious concern over the recent events in Afghanistan. Further development of the armed conflict could lead to still greater losses of human life, the complete collapse of the economy and the disintegration of the country, and the destabilization of the situation in the region.

Kazakstan calls on the parties to the conflict on all concerned States in the region and on the international community to take urgent measures to halt the military action, ensure non-interference in the internal affairs of the sovereign Islamic State of Afghanistan and guarantee its territorial integrity.

In view of the sharp exacerbation of the crisis in Afghanistan, a meeting of the Security Council must be held immediately with the participation of the countries concerned for the purpose of drawing up urgent measures to halt the bloodshed, bring about a political settlement of the conflict and extend assistance to the civilian population and the numerous refugees.

Almaty
28 September 1996